

functioning of the Assistant Manager (Admn.), Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi. However, none of these references contain the allegations of large-scale irregularities.

(b) A reference dated 3.1.2001 was received from Mohd. Anwarul Haque, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) regarding transfer of the Assistant Manager (Admn.), Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi from the said Press. A reply has been furnished on 9.2.2001.

(c) The disciplinary authority concerned has been directed to expedite investigation of the charges against the Assistant Manager (Admn.), Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi and take a view. Meanwhile, the sensitive charge of vigilance matters has been taken away from the said Assistant Manager (Admn.).

CAT Judgement regarding promotion in the Grade of Executive Engineer in CPWD

2507. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any judgement has been delivered recently by the Hon'ble CAT, Delhi for regular promotion for the unfilled vacancies in the grade of Executive Engineer (Civil and Electrical) in CPWD according to 1954 Rules;

(b) if so, the present status of the case; and

(c) the number of vacancies in the grade of Executive Engineer (Civil and Electrical) on regular basis before 28th October, 1996 which are to be filled as per 1954 recruitment rules alongwith details, quota-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination to implement the CAT judgement.

(c) The number of backlog vacancies in the grade of Executive

Engineer (Civil & Electrical) to be filled on regular basis as per 1954 Recruitment Rules are as under:—

	Gen.	SC	ST	Total
Civil	71	56	34	161
Electrical	22	20	12	54

Increase in working days of rural poor

2508. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the working days of the rural poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to help the migrant labourers; and
- (d) whether Government would provide any extra assistance to the agricultural working women to increase the additional employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

PM's concern over the widening gap between rich and poor

2509. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has expressed his concern about the relative gap between the rich and the poor being widened and that the rate at which poverty is being eradicated has not kept pace with the rate at which rich are getting richer;
- (b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken so that more